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SUBJECT: ITU: HARMFUL INTERFERENCE IN HF BANDS CAUSED
BY PULSE EMISSIONS ORIGINATING IN USSR

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1. ARNE BØE OF NORWEGIAN DELEGATION HAS PROVIDED
FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON TWO MEETINGS OF COUNTRIES
ACTIVELY PURSUING SOVIET INTERFERENCE MATTER. BY COMMON
AGREEMENT NORWAY HAS SERVED AS INTERFACE WITH SOVIET
DELEGATION ON THIS ISSUE.

2. AS INDICATED IN GENEVA 2476, A MEETING TOOK PLACE
20 FEB. REVIEW OF MONITORING REPORTS RECEIVED FROM HOME
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TELECOMMUNICATION ADMINISTRATIONS INDICATED THAT INTER-
FERENCE IS CONTINUING UNDIMINISHED, AFFECTING FIXED,
BROADCASTING, AMATEUR, AERONAUTICAL MOBILE, AND MARITIME
MOBILE SERVICES. (NOTE: "RUSSIAN WOODPECKER", AS
AMATEURS CALL IT, HAS BEEN MONITORED INTERMITTENTLY
IN GENEVA IN AND ADJACENT TO 21 MHZ AMATEUR BAND; AT
1145 GMT 21 FEB, FOR EXAMPLE, BROAD, STRONG SIGNAL

MONITORED, CENTERED ON 21,000 KHZ.)

3. NORWAY, ON BEHALF OF GROUP, PRESENTED "PACKAGE" TO ASHOT L'VOVICH BADALOV, HEAD OF SOVDEL, WHO HAS BEEN HANDLING MATTER PERSONALLY. PACKAGE INCLUDED "PICTURES" OF INTERFERING SIGNAL.

4. BADALOV AGAIN DECLINED TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETING OF ALL PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES. WHEN TOLD, BY NORWAY, THAT COUNTRIES CONCERNED MIGHT CONSIDER IT NECESSARY MAKE STATEMENT IN PLENARY, BADALOV SAID SOMETHING TO EFFECT HE HAD HIS ORDERS AND ASSUMED OTHERS DID TOO.

5. ANOTHER MEETING TOOK PLACE LATE WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 22 FEB. DECISION WAS MADE TO MAKE STATEMENT AT PLENARY ON FRIDAY, 24 FEB. NORWAY WILL SPEAK, WITH AS MANY COUNTRIES SUPPORTING AS ARE IN POSITION TO DO SO. STATEMENT IS ALSO TO BE INCLUDED IN FINAL ACTS.

6. GROUP EXPECTS MEET AGAIN TODAY TO DISCUSS CONTENT OF PLENARY STATEMENT. B0E AGAIN INVITED U.S. TO PARTICIPATE, BUT UNLESS INSTRUCTED OTHERWISE USDEL WILL REFRAIN FROM DOING SO. VANDEN HEUVEL

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